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T H O M A S

John Thomas of the Toisnot Baptist Church,

and Some of his Descendants.

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THOMAS

John Thomas of the Toisnot Baptist Church in Edgecombe (now Wilson) County, North Carolina, and some of his descendants.

1 - JOHN THOMAS, was born in Virginia, and married there Christinalor Roberts. The family came to North Carolina before November 16, 1747, when John Thomas purchased of William Cotton 250 acres on the east side of Toisnot Swamp Creek in Edgecombe County (Edgecombe County records in the Halifax County Courthouse. Deed Book 3, p 172). This was the first of a number of tracts of land that he acquired on Toisnot Swamp, Buckhorn Branch, and neighborhood, for some of which he made deeds of gift to his two oldest sons, John and Jonathan, on September 24, 1759. In the deed to Jonathan for 200 acres on the north side of Toisnot Swamp he excepted one acre for the use of the meeting house, "where the meeting house now stands". (Edgecombe County Deed Book O, pp 34/45).

When Morgan Edwards made his tour of North Carolina in 1772/3 to gather material for a history of the Baptist Church, he said of the Toisnot Church and of John Thomas and his family in part as follows:

"They originated from the general baptist. The names of them who first declared for the particular scheme are Rev. John Thomas and his wife, Moses Baker and wife, Jonathan Thomas and wife, Sarah Hickman, Obedience Thomas; the 14 were constituted on the particular plan Sep. 7, 1758. The first minister is the present Rev. John Thomas, a native of Virginia: Bred a churchman. Embraced the sentiments of the Baptist in 1748 & had the ordinance administered to him by Rev. Josiah Hart. Ordained by Rev. mess. George Graham & John More, at which time he took on him the care of the chh. His wife is Christiana Roberts by whom he has children, John, Jonathan, Obedience, Theophilus, Millicent, Teresa; married into the William Hilliard, Rogers, and Hill families and have raised 22 grand children." (Tour of Morgan Edwards of Pennsylvania to the American Baptists in North Carolina in 1772-73, edited by G. W. Paschal, and published in The North Carolina Historical Review, Vol. VII, No. 3, July, 1930).

The church was "constituted under the particular plan" on September 7, 1758, and was licensed under the Tolerance Act by the September Court 1759, when the minutes show that "On Petition of Jno Thomas & others of the Profession of Ana Baptist for Lycencing the Meeting House built by the Society on the s^{d} Thomas Land near Jonathan Thomas's- Ordered that the same be lycenced."

After having served the Toisnot Church for something like thirty years, the Reverend John Thomas, on October 20, 1777, was elected Moderator of the Kehukee Association of which the Toisnot Church was a member. He did not confine himself to church work, however, as he was active in the civic affairs of the county. The minutes, over a period of time, show

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that for many years he served as justice of the county court, was on commissions for building and repairing bridges, and in divers other ways participated in the affairs of the community.

His will, dated April 21, 1783, was proven in February 1789. His legatees were his wife Christinalor, son John, grandson Jonathan son of Jonathan, daughter Treasy Hill, granddaughter Millison Horn, and son Theophilus Thomas. These correspond to the children as given by Morgan Edwards in 1773, except one daughter. Either Obedience or Millicent must have died without issue.

The date of the death of Christinalor, the widow of the Rev. John Thomas, is not known. Since provision had already been made for the disposal of the property following her death, no will or division of estate is to be found for her.

John and Jonathan Thomas, the two oldest sons of the Rev. John Thomas, were Baptist ministers also. Information of them can be had from histories of the Baptists in North Carolina, and from the Edgecombe County records. This line is traced through the third son, Theophilus.

2 -*THEOPHILUS THOMAS, the third son, and perhaps the fourth or fifth child of the Reverend John Thomas and wife Christinalor Roberts, must have been born in Virginia and brought to North Carolina by his parents when a child. He probably married shortly before his father made a deed of gift to him for 273 acres of land on February 20, 1771 (Edgecombe County Deed Book D, p 304). His wife was Mary Gibble, daughter of Frederick Gibble who named his son-in-law Theophilus Thomas in his will dated December 19, 1780 (Edgecombe County Wills at North Carolina State Department of Archives and History).

Theophilus either lived very quietly in Edgecombe or resided elsewhere for some years before his marriage. After that, however, he added to his holdings of land until he had acquired a sizable estate and gradually became active in county affairs. By 1779, his father having retired from the county court, Theophilus was appointed a justice, and seems to have served almost continuously until a few years before his death in 1803. In February, 1790, he was appointed sheriff and served one year.

On account of the North Carolina Revolutionary Accounts being so unsatisfactory, it has not been possible to find what part he played in the conflict. There are records of several payments having been made to Theophilus Thomas. Also in the collection of Comptrollers Vouchers covering Revolutionary service and supplies there are several canceled vouchers for him. He is shown in the 1790 census of Edgecombe with three males over sixteen, five males under sixteen, five females and twenty-one slaves.

The will of Theophilus Thomas was made on June 25, 1803, and probated in November 1805, while that of his widow Mary (~~Gibble~~ Rogers) Thomas was made on

(*Since this genealogy was compiled, the Bible records of this family have been secured, and are attached)

**Mary Gibble married a nephew and namesake of the present Theophilus Thomas who married Mary Rogers, daughter of Thomas Rogers.

January 18, 1810, and probated in May 1810. From these two wills it is found that Theophilus and Mary had the following children:

Obedience, m Hardy Brownrigg
Millicent, m _____ Bason
Ichabod
Benjamin
Teresa, m Enos Tart
Tabitha, m Benj. Simms
John
Theophilus
Elizabeth, m _____ Cobb
Nancy

3 - ICHABOD THOMAS, the third child of Theophilus Thomas and wife Mary Gibble, was born about 1774, in Edgecombe County, and married in that county between November 23, 1799 and Dec. 1, 1800, Susannah Barnes, daughter of Archelaus Barnes and wife Margaret (Peggy). The marriage bond carries no date except 1799, but can be narrowed down to the last few weeks of the year as it is made to Governor Benjamin Williams who did not take office until November 23, 1799.

Archelaus Barnes named both his daughter Susannah (Suckie) Thomas and his son-in-law Ichabod Thomas in his will dated February 4, 1807, proven Court 1807. Peggy Barnes, widow of Archelaus and mother of Susannah, named Susannah Thomas a legatee and Ichabod Thomas an executor in her will dated March 2, 1816, and proven August 1816. (Edgecombe County Wills with the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History).

Like his father and grandfather before him, Ichabod Thomas was active in county affairs. He was elected justice, seemingly to succeed his father, shortly after the latter died, and he served at least through 1817, from which date the search for this service has not been made.

He died in January, 1826. A Special Term of the Edgecombe County court was called for January 25th of that year when it was stated that Ichabod Thomas was dead intestate, and that the situation of his estate required the immediate care of some discreet person. The Court then appointed Wade R. Thomas special administrator, and at the February term, 1828, appointed him administrator. He gave a bond of $10,000.00 with Archilas B. Thomas and Thomas Amason, securities. The division of the estate was made on November 6, 1829 and recorded in Edgecombe County Deed Book 19, p 437. The following were the heirs:

Lot 1 drawn by Bennett Thomas
Lot 2 " " Morrison Thomas
Lot 3 " " Edwin B. Thomas
Lot 4 " " Margaret Thomas
Lot 5 " " James Thomas
Lot 6 " " Temperance Price
Lot 7 " " Waid R. Thomas
Lot 8 " " John I. Thomas

Susannah Thomas, the widow of Ichabod Thomas, was still living on February 16, 1838, when she sold the whole of the dower in her husband's estate and included Lot No. 2 drawn by Morrison Thomas (Edgecombe County Deed Book 22, p 46). Nothing more is to be had of her from the Edgecombe records. Her children had begun to go to Sumpter County, Alabama, several years before and by 1838 most of them had left Edgecombe. She, probably, was selling out to join them in Alabama.

The following information is had of some of the children of Ichabod Thomas and wife Susannah Barnes:

Bennett (given as Bennett B) was living in Sumter County, Alabama, in 1891. (Goodspeed);

Morrison Thomas was born in Edgecombe County, April 17, 1802 (Goodspeed) and married first Sarah Turner, September 16, 1826, and second, February 12, 1828, Patience B. Horn (Edgecombe County Marriage Bonds). He moved to Sumter County, Alabama, and from there to Grenada County, Miss. There are several sketches of members of his family in Biographical Memoirs of Mississippi, Vol. 2 (The Goodspeed Publishing Company. Chicago. 1891), but in the genealogy it is stated that he was the son of Theophilus, instead of the grandson;

Edwin B. Thomas was living in Gainesville, Alabama, in 1891, engaged in merchandising;

Margaret Thomas, married April 26, 1830, Warren B. Barnes (Edgecombe County marriage bond), and went to Sumter County, Alabama, where she was living on July 3, 1838, when she and her husband sold her part of her father's estate (Edgecombe County Deed Book 22, p 206). According to Goodspeed, the family moved to Mississippi in 1850, where Margaret died eighteen years later leaving a large family, two of whom, Willie and Margaret, were still living in 1891;

James Thomas died in 1867 leaving a wife and two children, presumably in Sumter County (Goodspeed);

Temperance Thomas married Elijah Price, and was living in Sumter County, Alabama, in 1838, when she and her husband sold her part of the estate of her father, Ichabod Thomas (Edgecombe County Deed);

Waid R. Thomas died in Meridian, Miss., leaving a wife and two children (Goodspeed);

John died in Alabama the latter part of the war and left a wife and child, both of whom died a short time later.

The items from Goodspeed are given only for what they may be worth. In the publication all the children of Ichabod Thomas are given as children of Theophilus, and the middle initial "R" is given in the names of Margaret, John, Wade and James. In the division of the estate, Wade is the only name in which the initial "R" is used. There are some other differences in initials of the children between Goodspeed and the division, but no doubt the full name of each is known by the descendants.

A P P E N D I X

Abstracts of Thomas Records

From: Register of Deeds Office, Edgecombe County Courthouse

(Abstracts)

Book 3, p 172
Nov 16, 1747

William Cotton of Northampton County and Province of North Carolina
to John Thomas of Edgecombe County in sd Province,

for 20 L current money of Virginia deeds tract of 250 acres in county of Edgecombe on East side Toisnot Swamp above Conners land as by patent granted to said Cotton dated March 6, 1740 - Beginning at a gum & runs North - to a pine - to a Pine - to Red Oak on Swamp, then to beginning.

Wit. Robt Ruffin, Osborn Jeffreys, John Booker & a mark
Proved Nov Ct 1747 by Osborn Jeffreys
From: Office of Register of Deeds Halifax County, North Carolina

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(Note: The Edgecombe County deeds prior to 1759 are in the Halifax County Courthouse)

Book O, p 35 Register of Deeds Office, Edgecombe County
24 Sept. 1759

John Thomas of Edgecombe County
for Love, good will and affection which I have and bear to my well beloved son John of the same county - -

Plantation whereon he now lives - on the N side of Tosneot Swamp containing 311 acres - being part of two tracts - beginning at a white oak in Tosneot Swamp - then to the mouth of Buckhorn Branch - then up the water Course to the Head line - to a Maple - to John Stevens corner tree.

Test: Johnathan Thomas
Francis Whitney
Barbara Barron
Ack'd Sept. Court 1759

Jn° Thomas (Seal)

Book O, p 34
24 Sept. 1759

John Thomas of Edgecombe County
for the Love, good will and affection which I have and do bear unto my well beloved son Jonathan Thomas of the same county - -

Edgecombe County Courthouse

The Plantation whereon he now lives - situate lying & being on the North side of Tosnot Swamp containing 200 acres - it being part of two tracts (Except one acre for the use of a Meeting House for the Babties whereon the meeting house now stands) - beginning in Tosneot Swamp at a wight oak - to the mouth of Buck Horn Branch - & then up the water courses to the head line - to a maple - to a red oak it being the corner.

Test: John Thomas Jr
Francis Witney
Barnaby Barron
Ack'd Sept. Court 1759

Jn° Thomas (Seal)

From: Register of Deeds Office, Edgecombe County Courthouse 7

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Book 1, p 117
22 Jan 1762

Jacob Barnes
to John Thomas - both of Edgecombe County, Planters - -

Consideration 8 lbs Proclamation Money. Tract of land or Plantation containing 273 acres in Edgecombe on the South side of the White Oak Swamp, as by deed to the said Jacob Barnes dated 23d July 1761 - beginning at a poplar on White Oak - running a South course by a line of marked trees to a pine on the back line - then a west course to John Thomas line - to the corner in White Oak Swamp - being part of a deed for 640 acres.

Test: Barney Barron Jacob Barnes
Edmun Andrews - William Amason
Proved March Court 1762 by Barnaby Barron

Book 1, p 437
24 Jan. 1763

Jonathan Thomas
to John Thomas - both of Edgecombe County - -

5 lbs. Proc. Money. A certain tract of land containing 160 acres in Edgecombe - as by deed granted to Jonathan Thomas bearing date Jan 1st 1762 - beginning at a Maple in Buck Branch and so up the water courses to the head line - then along said line to a gum in a Branch being a corner - to Stevens line - by John Thomas line to the first station - being part of a Deed for 460 acres.

Jonathan Thomas (Seal)

Test: Theophilus Thomas
Christonalor Thomas
John Thomas Senr
Proved Jan. Court 1763 by oath of John Thomas Senr.

Book D, p 304
Feb 20, 1771

John Thomas of Edgecombe County
Deed of Gift to son Theophilus Thomas - -

Land on the South side of White Oak Swamp which I bought of Jacob Barnes Jan 22, 1762 - by estimation 273 acres.

Test: James x Amason Jnº Thomas (Seal)
Elizabeth x Daniel
Feb. Term 1771

From: Register of Deeds Office, Edgecombe County Courthouse

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Book 2, p 8
4th Sept. 1772

James Barnes & Elizabeth his wife
to Theophilus Thomas - of the county of Edgecombe and Province of North Carolina - -

64 lbs. 10 shil. prock. money. A certain tract of land which my father gave me - being part of a patent to John Wiggins and part of a grant to Jacob Barnes, it being all that remains that we did not sell to James Brown - on the South side of the White Oak Swamp containing 160 acres - beginning on the said Theophilus Thomas line on the Meadow Branch - down said branch to Wiggins Branch - to White Oak Swamp.

Test: Jn^{n} Thomas Senr — James Barnes (Seal)
John Edmundson — her
Benjamin Amason — Elizabeth x Barnes (Seal)
Ack'd Nov. Court 1772 — mark

Book 3, p 402
Dec 16, 1778

John Thomas of Edgecombe County
Deed of Gift to son Theophilus Thomas - -

Land whereon I now live - being on the East side of Tosnot Swamp and South side of Whiteoak Swamp near Conners line - bearing date 6th day of March 1740.

Test: Malachi (M) Brantley — Jno Thomas
John I Thomas
Feb. Court 1779

(Note: Does not say whether a grant or to whom)

Book E, p 233
26 Dec. 1782

Nicholas Thorn of Edgecombe County
to Theophilus Thomas of same county - -

40 lbs. Tract of land in Edgecombe containing 200 acres - on the West side of Wiggins Branch beginning at the mouth of the Meadow Branch said Thomas own line - up Wiggins Branch to a small branch the dividing line between Ann Brown & Nicholas Thorn (it being part of a tract of land deeded by Jacob Barnes Senr dec'd) - to the back line.

Test: William Rogers
Benj. Brand
his
Robert x Rogers
mark
Proved Feb. Court 1783 by Robert Rogers

(Abstracts)

Book E, p 245
27th Feb. 1783

Henry Hart, Sheriff of Edgecombe
to Theophilus Thomas - -

Tract of land belonging to and whereon James Amason then lived - beginning at a lightwood tree in Absalom Barnes old line & the aforesaid Theophilus Thomas new corner - to a corner pine - to a pine in an old false line - containing 640 acres - being a tract granted to James Amason 28th Oct. 1782.

Ack'd Feb. Court 1783

Book E, p 270
1st March 1783

John Thomas, late of the county of Edgecombe and State of North Carolina
to Jacob Horn of same county - -

280 lbs current money of Virginia. Tract of land containing 461 acres lying on the North side of Tosneot Swamp - beginning at the mouth of Buck Branch an ash or maple - then up the branch the water courses to Jonathan Thomas head line - to a gum - it being a dividing line between said Jonathan & John Thomas - to Stephens line - down sd line to Tosneot Swamp.

Test: Hardy Harris
Joel Horn
Wm Harris
Proved May Court 1783 by Joel Horn

John Thomas Junr

Book E, p 253
Feb 18, 1783

John Thomas of Edgecombe County
Deed of Gift to son Theophilus Thomas - -

Tract of land on the Gum Pond - beginning at a black oak where James Barnes now lives - to a hickory where Lenard Langston now lives - James Amasons line - Absalom Barnes old corner - 490 acres - bearing date 1779.

Test: Thomas Vevrett
William Amason
Feb Court 1783

John Thomas

Selected Items from the Edgecombe County Court Minutes

1757-1759

Aug. 1757 - Jn° Thomas - Justice

June 1758 - Jn° Thomas - Justice

Sep. 1759 - On Petition of Jn° Thomas & others of the Profession of Ana Baptist for Lycencing the Meeting House built by the Society on the sd Thomas Land near Jonathan Thomas's - Ordered that the same be lycenced.

1759-1764

Sep. 1761 - Johnathan Thomas a Non Conformist Preacher produced an Ordination in writing signed by George Graham and John Moore the Pastures of the Baptists ordaining & appointing him to preach according to the Tenets of that Church.

Apr. 1763 - John Thomas Junr - juror

1764-1772

Oct. 1766 - John Thomas, et al, appointed to let the upper bridge on Town Creek at Wrights & the lower Bridge on Tosneot.

John Thomas commissioned Justice, and qualified.

May, 1768 - Ordered that John Thomas Esq, John Thomas junr & Jonathan Thomas be Commissioners to let the repair of the Bridge on Tosneot at William Godwins.

John Thomas qualified as Justice

Aug. 1769 - John Thomas Esq - Justice

May, 1770 - John Thomas, Esq, Magistrate appointed to take the Lists of Taxables for the ensuing year.

May, 1771 - John Thomas, Magistrate app'd to take the List of Taxables in District No. 3.

Feb. 1772 - John Thomas Esq one of the Gentlemen named in the Commission of Peace for this county appeared and qualified.

May, 1772 - Theophilus Thomas - juror

John Thomas Esq app'd to take list of Taxables in Dist. No. 3

1772-1784

Nov. 1772 - Jn° Thomas Esqr - Justice

Feb. 1773 - John Thomas qualified as Justice

July 1774 - John Thomas Esq & John Thomas are app'd Commissioners for letting the Bldg a Bridge over Tosneot at William Godwins

John Thomas Esq - Justice

Apr. 1775 - The last will & testament of Jonathan Thomas dec'd exhibited by the Exrs therein named Mary Thomas and John Thomas junr & was proved by the oath of Theophilus Thomas & Elisha Spive.

Oct. 1775 - John Thomas Esq - Justice

Feb. 1779 - Deed of gift from John Thomas to Theophilus Thomas proved by Malichi Brantley.

Nov. 1779 - Theophilus Thomas Esq - Justice

Feb. 1780 - Theophilus Thomas Esq - Justice

May, 1780 - Theophilus Thomas Esq - Justice

The following persons are app'd Assessors & Collectors for this year - also Justices to receive the lists & Constables to warn the Inhabitants - viz-

Thomas Mercer - Collector in Capt Stringers District
Joel Horn " in Capt Deloachs District
Theophilus Thomas Esq)
" " Collector) in Capt Amasons District
Theophilus Thomas Esq)
Robert Thomas- Collector) in Capt Jordans District

Feb. 1782 - Theophilus Thomas Esq - Justice

Feb. 1783 - Grant to John Thomas Senr proven.

Deed of Gift from John Thomas to Theophilus Thomas proved by Thomas Viveret.

Aug. 1783 - Theophilus Thomas Esq - Justice

Note: (Theophilus Thomas is shown to have served continuously as Justice through November 1797).

1800-1804

Nov. 1803 - The last will & testament of Theophilus Thomas dec'd proved by Charles H. Pickering, Willie Barnes & Eli Amason - & Ichabod Thomas & Micajah Thomas the two executors therein named qualified - ordered to sell all the articles mentioned in the will of the said deceased.

Ichabod Thomas Esq - Justice

1804-1807

Nov. 1804 - Ichabod Thomas, et al, app'd to divide the personal estate of Jonathan Thomas dec'd.

Feb. 1806 - Comrs app'd to divide the residuary estate of Mary Thomas, dec'd.

1807-1811

Nov. 1807 - Ichabod Thomas Esq - Justice

Feb. 1810 - Ichabod Thomas Esq - Justice

1811-1813

Aug. 1813 - Ichabod Thomas, John Thomas, et al, app'd to audit & settle the accts of the Exrs of James Barnes, dec'd.

1813-1816

Feb. 1814 - Theophilus Thomas is app'd Constable in Capt. Amasons District.

May, 1814 - Ichabod Thomas Esq - Justice

Aug. 1815 - Ichabod Thomas Esq - Justice

1816-1819

Nov. 1817 - Ichabod Thomas Esq - Justice

1820-1826

Special Court held
25th Jan. 1826

It appearing to the Court that Ichabod Thomas late of the county aforesaid is dead & that he died intestate & that the situation of his estate requires the immediate care of some discreet persons - the Court granted Special Letters of Administration on the said estate to Wade R. Thomas- Ordered to sell part of the Horses Cattle Hogs & Sheep on credit of six months.

Feb. 1826 - Ordered that Wade R. Thomas (who was heretofore appointed Special Administrator of Ichabod Thomas) be appointed admr of the estate - bond of $10,000 with Archilas B. Thomas & Thomas Amason securities

From: Edgecombe County Marks and Brands 1732-1809
February 21, 1750

John Thomas records his mark

The above items are from the Edgecombe County records at the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History.

In the Name of God Amen - - -

I John Thomas of Edgecombe County being in perfect health & disposing memory thanks be to god for the same and do make & ordain this to be my Last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say First & principally I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty god hoping for Remission of all my sins thro the merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ & my body I Commit to the Earth to be buried in a Christian Like manner at the discression of my Executors hereafter nam.d & as touching my Worldly Estate which it hath Pleased god to bless me with I Give & dispose in manner & form following to wit,----

Item I Lend to my dearly beloved wife Christinalor Thomas all my Estate for her support out of it during her Natural Life the same I Leave in Cear of my son Theophilus Thomas ~~one of my sons~~ & Jacob Horn as an over Looker to take Care & see that she shall be supported out of it her Life & after her death---

Item- I give to my son John Thomas Five Pounds besides what I have already Given him to him & his heirs for Ever

Item- I give to my granson Jonathan Thomas son of Jonathan Thomas Five pounds besides what I have already given his Father to him & his heirs for Ever---

Item I Give to my Daughter Treasey Hill Five pounds besides what I have already given her to her & her heirs for Ever

Item I Give to my gran Daughter Millison Horn one Negroe wench nam.d Mary to her & her heirs for Ever--

Item I Give to my son Theophilus Thomas one Negroe man Call.d George & one negroe man Call.d Jim one Negroe woman Call.d Cloe & her Children Jacob & Miles & one Negroe woman Call.d Rachel & her Child Enouch & one negroe boy Call.d Jim & my still Cap & worm & all the Rest of my Estate whatever to him & his heirs for Ever

I do hereby Leave my son Theophilus Thomas & Jacob Horn Executors to my will & do hereby make this my Last will & Testament making Void all other wills by me before made & do declare this to be my Last will and testament in witness wherein I have herounto set my hand & seal this 21st Day of April 1788

In Presents of us)
Eli Amason x)
William Amason x)
Manoak Amason)

John Thomas (Wax Seal)

Edgecombe County.
FebY Court 1789

The Within Will was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Eli Amason & William Amason- Theophilus Thomas Qualified as exor.- & the Will ordered to be Recorded

Book N9 3 P. 80 Test Edw.d Hall C C
T. Thomas qualified

Will of John Thomas - cont'd

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Edgecombe County Wills 1758-1830-Vol. IX, p 78

In the Name of God Amen I Frederick Gibble of Edgecomb County in the State of North Carolina being At this time in a low State of health but God be praised of Sound and Disposing mind and memory but calling to Mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make And ordain this my last will and Testement in the follow Following manner, first and Principally I Recomend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it hoping for Salvation Through the merrits and mediation of Christ my Savious And Redeemer and my Body to be Buried in a Christian And Desent like manner, and as to what worldly goods it Hath pleased Almighty God to Bestow on me in this life I Dispose of in the following manner, my will and desire Is that all my Just debts and Legaccies be paid as Soon as They can be done Conveniently---

Itum- I give and bequeath to my Son in law Theophilus Thomas One Shilling Sterling money of Great Britain

Itum I give and bequeath to my Brother in Law John Thomas My Negro fellow called Badus my negro fellow called Samson My Negro fellow called lewis my negro wench called Juda My negro wench called Roda my Negro wench called Bet My negro gairl called Jenney My negro fellow called Jack My negro wench called Tamer and her Child if ary one And my Wearing Apperil to him and his heirs forever

Itum- I give and Bequeath to my Cousin Frederick Gibble Thomas my negro gairl called Beda to him and his heirs forever

Itum I give and Bequeath to my Sister in law Patience Thomas My negro wench called Cloah my negro gairl called Clo my negro Boy called Bristown my negro fellow called Solomon my Mair called flurry and her Colt to She and her heirs forever

Itum I give to my two Cousins Roberts Thomas and John Thomas All my interest I left in the care of Robert Nettles and Frances Spive excepting one Bed at Spivies I give to My Sister in law Patience Thomas, to be Equally divided Between them, to them and their heirs forever

Itum I give and Bequeath to my Sister in law Patience Thomas My Bed bolster Pillow and pillow bee Two Sheets I left in the care of Timothy Durgin to She and her heirs forever

Itum I give and Bequeath to my Brother in law John Thomas the Residue of my whole Estate Both Real and Personal Which I have not already given in this instrument of Writting to him and his heirs forever

and last of all I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my Beloved friend John Thomas Jr My Brother in law my Executor to this my last will and Testament Revoking all other wills that are by me made At any other time.-- Sealed Published and Declared by me Frederick Gibble My last will and Testament this Nineteenth Day of December Anno Domini 1780

Frederick Gibble (Seal)

Test Josse Pitman
William Morris
Joseph Barnes

Will of Frederick Gibble - cont'd

Edgecombe County August Court 1781

The within will was produced and proved in open court by the oaths of Jesse Pitman William Morriss and Joseph Barnes The Executors therein named were at the same time qualified and the will ordered to be recorded

Test

Edward Hall c c

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Edgecombe County Wills 1758-1830- Vol. V, p 2

From: Register of Deeds Office, Edgecombe County Courthouse

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Book E, p 233
Dec 26, 1782

Nicholas x Thorn
to Theophilus Thomas - -

Consideration 40 Lbs. 200 acres on the West side of Wiggins Branch - beginning at the mouth of the Meadow Branch said Thomas's line - to the dividing line between Ann Browns and Nicholas Thorn - it being part of a tract of land deeded by Jacob Barnes.

Test: William Rogers
Benj Brand
Robert x Rogers
Feb Court 1783

Book 5, p 188
6th day of ____ 1789

Know all Men by these presents that we the subscribers Do hereby acknowledge ourselves fully satisfied with division made of Lennard Langstons Estate and Do by the Commissioners appointed by Edgecombe Court (to wit) Theophilus Thomas, James Stanton, William Amason, James Barnes & Elia Mason & we Do hereby freely and clearly acquit and Discharge each other of any claim either by Will or Heirship and by these presents do acknowledge ourselves to be Co-equal Heirs in every respect & do hereby give up all claims only as equal Heirs in every respect.

Test: James x Barnes
Eli Amason
James Stanton
William Amason
Witness: Joseph Cocks

Isaac x Langston (Seal)
Needham Ward (Seal)
Theophilus Thomas as Gardeen to Luke Bolton (Seal)

Proved Aug Court 1789 by oath of Joseph Cocks

Book 9, p 158

Theophilus Thomas of the county of Edgecombe
Deed of Gift to son Ichabod Thomas of same county - -

Land on the South side of White Oak Swamp and East side of Tosnot Swamp - upper Beaver dam - to the mouth of the Miery Branch - 550 acres.

No tests
(Failed to take date)
Acknowledged Feb. Court 1799

Theop^{s} Thomas

From: Register of Deeds Office, Edgecombe County Courthouse

(Abstracts)

Book 9, p 407
Nov 22, 1799

Theophilus Thomas
Deed of Gift to son in law Enos Tart - both of Edgecombe County - -

Tract of land on the West side of Tosnot Swamp joining his own land - beginning at the dividing line between himself and James and Thomas Tart - up the swamp to the dividing line between him and his aunt Elizabeth Walton - to the back line called the Purchas Patten line - to the dividing line between said Enos Tart and the heirs of Elnathan Tart - except that part of the land that is within my daughter Milicent Esons dower.

Book 9, p 417
Nov 22, 1799

Theophilus Thomas
Deed of Gift to two grandsons James & Thomas Tart - -

Land on West side of Tosnot Swamp.

Test: John Eason
Enos Tart

Book E, p 222
28th Oct 1782

Grant to John Thomas, Senr. 490 acres - beginning at a black oak in James Barnes new line - South 152 poles to a hickory in Leonard Langstons new line - James Amasons new line - Absalom Barnes line - George Bruces line.

Feb. Court 1783

Book 13, p 144
Dec 28, 1807

Ichabod Thomas, Executor of Archelaus Barnes dec'd
to Garret Knight - both of Edgecombe County - -

Tract of land on the fork of White Oak Swamp - 100 acres patented June 20, 1745, by Jacob Barnes. Also another tract adjoining the above beginning Gays corner near on White Oak Swamp - James Barnes line - Jethro Barnes line - 660 acres being all the remainder of a larger tract granted to Jacob Barnes Dec 12, 1760, over and above what was conveyed out of said tract by Jacob Barnes to Henry Gay & by Charles Marchmont to Stephen Barnes by estimation 67 acres.

Test: Enos Tartt
Josiah Barnes
Aug Court 1809

State of North Carolina
Edgecombe County

In the name of God Amen---

I Theophilus Thomas of the Above County and, Calling to mind, the Certainty of death and the Shortness of life, in Order to Settle my worldly affairs, do make and appoint this to be my Last will and testament, in manner and form following- (to Wit)

Item, first It is my will and Desire that all my lawful debts be paid, and for which Purpose I leave a tract or Parcel of land on both Sides of the road leading from Tarborough to Godwins Bridge, on the head of the Beaverdam Branch, Joining Enos Tarts line, with one Negro woman by the name of Loose, and if that should not be Sufficient, my Desire is that my Executors Shall Sell as much of my Stock of Cattle Hoggs and Sheep, as Shall be Sufficient, at Publick or private Sale as they Shall think will answer the best to Settle my debts.---

Item I Give and bequeath unto my four Daughters Obedience Brownrigg, Millisent Eason, Treasey Tart & Tabitha Simms, five Shillings Besides what I have given them Before, (which they have now in their Own Possion) to them and their heirs for ever---

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Ichabod Thomas two negrows, a negro woman by the name of Rachel & a Boy by the name of Jacob, besides what I have given him before, to him and his Heirs for ever---

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Thomas, One negro nam'd Jerry besides what I have already given him and he hath it in his own Possion to him and his heirs forever---

Test
C. H. Pickering
Willie Barnes

Theoph^{s} Thomas (Seal)

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Micajah Thomas my Plantation lying on the Road which leads from Tarborough to Stantons Bridge on Contentnea, with Six hundred and forty Acres belonging to Said plantation with all my land from white Oak Swamp to my back line on a branch of little Contentnea Creek, except a New entry Joining Thomas Wells's line I Also give unto my said Son Micajah Thomas three Negroe boys Enoch Bryan & Charles and One negro man name George One young Sorrell mare, bridle & Sadle, One Cow and Calf & One heifer, three Ewes & lambs, four Sows And Piggs Call'd his Own, I Also give my Said Son One feather Bid and Bedstead and firniture, and One Chest Call'd his Own Also Smooth Bor'd Gun Call'd his Own, One large Pewter dish One Large Pewter Bason Six new Pewter Plates, One large Brass Candle Stick, One Barrell of Brandy Call'd his Own

Test
C. H. Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Theoph^{s} Thomas (Seal)

I Also give to my Son Micajah Thomas my Law Book Call'd Iderls Revisal with all the acts of Assembly, Also my whip Saw, my Jointer Stock Jack & Smoothing plain, with all my plain Irons, my Large hand Vice, my will is that my son Micajah Thomas, shall be of age to Act for himself at the age of eighteen in the Same manner as if he was twenty one Years old, I give him three Seting Chairs, I give my Said son a Small Stewpot of mixt mettle one Small Jointers Saw and a pair of Iron Traises, All this I Give to him and his heirs forever.

Test
C H Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Theoph^{s} Thomas (Seal)

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son John Thomas, my plantation which I Bought of James Barnes, lying on the South Side of white Oak Swamp with the Land adjoining to the Said Plantation as follows: Begining at the Run of white Oak Swamp at the ford which I made to go through to James Barnes's mill, at an Oak and maple then a Strait Course through my Cornfield to a large Pine which I mark'd, Out side of my new ground, thence a Straight Course to and Old Worf pit, on the Side of the Road that goes along by my plantation thence Along the said Road as far as where my line and John Amasons Corners, on the Side of the Road then down the said Line to a Small Branch, the Line between s^{d} Amason and myself,

Test
C. H. Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Theoph^{s} Thomas (Seal)

Then Along the said branch to the Big branch thence along the water Courses of s^{d} Branch to White Oak Swamp thence down the water Courses of s^{d} Swamp to the first Station with a new entry of Land Joining, Thomas Wells's Line & David Woodards Line, I Also give to my Said Son four Negros David, Sam, Riligh & Lydda, One filly Call'd the Black and all Black, & a black Walnut/ table & a Small pine Chest & one Barrell of Brandy Call'd his Own One Cow and Calf & one heifer, three Ewes and Lambs a Large Brass Candle Stick, three Setting Chairs One Saddle and Bridle two Sows and piggs. Allso my will and Desire is that my s^{d} Son John Thomas Shall be free to act & Do for himself at the age of Eighteen I Give unto my Said Son my Saddle Baggs & Lock and Key Belonging to it & a Small Sett of fire Doggs, my Cross Cut Saw & a Small Iron Skillit, all this I Give to him and his heirs forever---

Test
C. H. Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Theop^{s} Thomas (Seal)

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Theophilus Thomas All my Land on the east Side of Road, as far as the wolf Pit and along with a Line before mention'd to my Son John Except One Cornfield Joining the Swamp and the Road,

I Give also unto my Said Son three negros Old James Robert and Hannah One Sorrell filly Call'd the farmer two Sows and piggs One Cow and Calf & one heifer three ewes and Lambs One Bridle and Saddle Also One feather Bed and firniture & Bedsead my Shott molds & Ladle to melt Lead, a book Called the Young mans Companion and my will is if either of my Youngest Sons Should die, before they marry or Come to Lawful Age, then the Others Shall have the Dec^{d} Property Except, in Case my son John or Theophilus either of them Should die before they marry or Come of Lawful age, then the Other Shall have all the Dec^{d} Land And the Rest of their property to be divided among the Other two Youngest Sons, to them and their heirs forever All the above mention'd property I Give to my Son Theophilus Thomas and his heirs forever--

Test
C. H. Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Theop^{s} Thomas (Seal)

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Thomas two negro Girls One named Cherry and the other Pheba a feather Bed, Bedstead & Firniture and a Sett of Certains And one Chest of Drawers, a Saddle and Bridle to her and her heirs for ever.---

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Thomas two negroes by the name of Tamer & Little Ned, One feather Bed Bedstad and Firniture & One Sett of Certains a bridle and Saddle & One Black Walnut Desk, I Also Leave my negro man Young James to be hired Out for the Support of my Youngest two Daughters Elizabeth and Nancy Thomas till either of them marry's or Come to the age of Eighteen And it is my will and Desire If either of them die before they marry, Or Come to the age of eighteen then the Other Shall be Intitled to all the Dec^{d} Property

Test
C H Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Theop^{s} Thomas (Seal)

And it is my will and Desire, that when Either of them Shall marry or my Daughter Elizabeth Shall Come to the age of Eighteen then the said James to be Sold and Equally divided between Elizabeth & nancy Thomas, my will and Desire is that when my debts is paid and the Legacies already Given, and what I intend to Give to my Wife of Cattle and Sheep then the Rest to be Sold and the money to be equally Divided between my two Youngest Daughters to them and their heirs forever---

And my will is that what I Given them of houshold firniture Shall not be sold but kept for them tell they Shall marry, or Come of age to Receive their Property, which I have Given to them and their heirs forever

Test
C. H. Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Theop^{s} Thomas (Seal)

Item I Give and bequeath to my Loving Wife Mary Thomas One Negro Girl Named Clary To her own use an Bennefit forever I Also Give to my Wife a Feather Bed Bed Sted and Firniture and One Sett of Certains Four Cows and Calves ten head of Sheep my flock of Geese my Sorrel mare Blosson five Sows and Piggs, ten head of two Year old hoggs and the two Best beef Cattle in my Stock Except my Yoke of Oxen to her Own use & Bennefit forever--

Item I now lend unto my said Wife two negroes by the names of ned and Dinah With the Plantation which I now live on With all the land on the West Side of the Road from white Oak Swamp Up to my Son Micajah Thomas's Line Near the Gaulberry Pocoson, One Cornfield On the east Side of the Road Joining on the Swamp and the Road Also my Still, Cap and worm but she shall not be moved

Test
C. H. Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Theop^{s} Thomas (Seal)

off the plantation where She now Stands By no person whatever tell my Youngest Son Comes of Age to take it in his Possession) One Larg pine Chest one Brauphat Two pine Tables a Large Spice morter One Brass Skillet and five of the best Chairs in the house my hunting Gun and Blacksmiths tools two Large Iron Pot Racks and two Irom Bearers And After the death of my wife I Give the Abovementioned Articles to my son Theophilus Thomas to him and his heirs forever-- and my yoke of Oxen &C

Item I now lend unto my Wife all my household and kitchen Firniture Consisting of whatsoever it may, dureing here her natural Life, then I Give the Same to my son Theophilus Thomas to him and his heirs forever--

Item I now leave all my plantation tools of every kind or whatsoever it may be and my Axes and hoes, Barrells and hogsheads of Every kind: and all my timber

Test
C H Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Theop^{s} Thomas (Seal)

Which Is already got, to be equally divided Among my wife and three Youngest sons that is to Say Micajah John & Theophilus, And it is my will and desire that the Negroes which I have given unto my two Youngest Sons Shall not be hired Out but kept on their Own land in order to make Support for them Tell they Shall Arive to the age of Eighteen then to be @ their Own Disoposal to them and their heirs forever---

Item It is my will and Desire for all my negroes to be kept together tell all my Crop is Got in and Secur'd, and also that all my hoggs that is fit for use Shall be fatten'd, and Provision Laid in for all my family as it

Stands now and if there Shall be any Over, to Sold and the money to Pay my taxes and Other Debts

Test — Theop^{s} Thomas (Seal)
C. H. Pickering
Willie Barnes
Eli Amason

Also All my Books to be Divided between my three Youngest Sons and two youngest Daughters, and it is my will and Desire that nothing that I given to any of my Children Shall be Sold but Kept for them, tell they Shall be able to take it into their possession---

And I do hereby make Ordain ConStitute and appoint my two Sons Ichabod, & Micajah Thomas Executors to this my Last will & testament Disannuling all Other Wills whatever and this to be only my Last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have herunto Set my hand and Affixt my Seal this 25th Day of June A.D. 1803

Signed Seal'd Delivered) Theop^{s} Thomas (Seal)
and Acknowledged in)
Presents of us--)

C. H. Pickering
Willie Barnes — exors qualified
Eli Amason

Edgecombe County — November Court 1803.

The within last Will and Testament of Theophilus Thomas dec^{d} was exhibited in open Court & offered for probate--and was duly proven by the oaths of C H Pickering- Willie Barnes and Eli Amason the subscribing witnesses thereto- and executors therein named were at the same time qualified and letters granted-- Ordered that the same be certified and the will recorded

Recorded Book D) Test
Page------- 172) E Hall C C

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Edgecombe County Wills 1758-1830-Vol. IX, pp 85-88

In the Name of god Amen.

I Mary Thomas being of sound mind and memory do make this the 18th Day of January One thousand Eight hundred and Ten This my last will and Testament in manner and form following---Viz- First it is my will That all my Just debts be paid for which Purpose I leave my two negro Wenches One by the name of Lucy the Other by the name of Clary and Clarys child by the name of Rachel one Rideing chair and all my Stock of cattle Except two work Stears and my Stock of sheep---

Item- I give & bequeath unto my son Micajah Thomas One Walnut Table & one candle stand & two of the Best sows & Pigs I have to him and his heirs for ever---

Item- I give & bequeath unto my son John Thomas, One sow & Pigs to him and his heirs for ever---

Item- I give and bequeath unto my son Theophilus Thomas one Sorrel Horse calld Tobe and one Mule & all the Balance of my Hogs that I have not given away Two Feather beds also the hole of the Years provision that is now laid up to him and his heirs for ever---

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Cobb One Sorrel Maie calld Tab & half a dozen seting Chairs to her and her heirs for ever---

Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Thomas One Bridle & Saddle also three Hundred and Fifty Dollars to School her and board her

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughters Obediance Brownrigg Milicent Simms Treasey Tartt & Tabitha Simms Five Shillings Each to them and their heirs for ever---

Item I give and bequeath unto my two sons Ichabod Thomas and Benjamin Thomas five Shillings Each to them and their heirs forever

Item I give to my son Theophilus Thomas my Yoke of Oxen to him and his heirs forever

All the Balance of my Estate I leave to be sold and the money a rising from such sale to be Equally Divided between my Three sons Micajah John & Theophilus Thomas

And I hearby constitute and appoint my son John Thomas Executor to this my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and Year above Written

Signed Sealed and Declared in the)
Presence of us who were preasent at) Mary x Thomas (Seal)
the time of Signing Sealing and Deliver-)
ing)

James Barnes
H Haywood Jr
Jno B Cobb

Exr qualified

Will of Mary Thomas - cont'd

Edgecombe County May Court 1810

The within last Will & Testament of Mary Thomas Dec^{d} was exhibited into Court for probate and was duly proven by the oath of Henry Haywood one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto- And John Thomas the sole Executor named in the said Will was at the sametime qualified thereto- Ordered that the same be certified & the will Recorded.

Test E Hall C C

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Edgecombe County Wills 1758-1830- Vol. IX, p 82

Be it Known to all whom it may Concern, That I Archilous Barnes of the County of Edgecomb and State of North-Carolina, Being sick and weak of body, yet of a Sound and Disposing mind and Memory, Thanks be to God for his Mercies, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following, Viz--

Imprimis, I lend to my Belov'd Wife Peggy Barnes the manner plantation I now live on with part of the lands appertaining thereto Viz. Beginning in my own and Elisha Woodards line in the mouth of the Crooked Meadow, Where sd meadow
Thence runing up said Meadow to/and the round-about Come nearest together, Thence a Direct line to said Round-about Thence up sd Round-about (the Various Courses) to a large Pine,- Thence to the mouth of the lane leading thro. the Robertson old plantation, and Continueing on thro. the lane as it now runs to the woods, on the oposite Side of the plantation Thence a Direct line to a Corner a White Oak, Being my Own Corner, Lemuel Daniels, and Elisha woodards &C. Thence from the white Oak Along my Own and Lemuel Daniels line, to a Corner a Hickory near my Own fence, Thence along my own and Lemuel Daniels line near to an old bee-tree which was fell across the Great path, Thence a Straight and direct line, Just above my plantation (so as to just miss the same) to John Barnes's line in the Poquoson-- thence along s.d Barnes's and my Own to James Barnes's line, thence going said James Barnes's line and my Own to a Corner (I beleave a Gum) on Cotentnea Creek, Thence down s.d Creek to Elisha Woodards line, Thence along s.d Woodards line and my Own to the first Station, All which Lands and appertainces I lend (as above) to my Wife Peggy Barnes, Dureing her Natural live her-
widdowhood

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Suckey Thomas one Negro Girl Rose to her and her Heirs forever, Also One Horse Bridle and Sadle, all which she has in possession--Also Two Cows and Calves,

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved Son Edwin Barnes the Land whereon he now lives, being the Land and plantation formerly occupied by Jonathan Robertson,with the addition of some other Including all my Lands, lying below the Dividing line (Which is laid of already, mentioning runing thro a lane, and will be hereafter to be mention'd the Dividing line between my two Sons) all which lying below said line in said Tract I give to my Son Edwin & his Heirs forever Also I Give to my Son Edwin Barnes, one Negro Girl Nam'd Dinah, also one Horse Bridle and Sadle which he has in possession. Also two Cows and Calves. Also two Sows and piggs which he has had

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son Archelous Barnes, all the Lands, Contain'd in the manner Plantation, lying above the Dividing line above mention, Containing all the Lands before lent to my wife to be his and his Heirs forever, after his Mothers Decease or widowhood. I Also Give to my son Archelous Barnes, One Negro boy Nam'd Jack. Also one Horse Bridle and Saddle, Two Cows and Calves, Two sows and Piggs, one Bed Bedstead and Furniture

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Salley Barnes, One Negro Girl nam'd Beck- Also one Mare Bridle and Sadle, Two Cows and Calves, One Bed Bedstead and Furniture

Will of Archelaus Barnes - cont'd

Item. My Will is that my Land lying on White Oak should be sold by my Executors, Giving Two years credit and the money arising therefrom to be Divided as follows Viz. One half I Give to my son Edwin Barnes, the other half to be Equeally Divided between my two Daughters Sucke & Salley,

Item. I Give to my son Edwin Barnes, And also to my Daughter Suckey Thomas, One Bed & Furniture Each

Item, My Will is that my Wife shou'd keep (as a Loan) All my Property, not heretofore Given away as Legacies, Dureing her Natural life or Widowhood, And at the Expiration of Either, All the said property (Except my Brandy Still, which I, in this place Give and Bequeath to my Son Archelaus Barnes with the Exception that his Brother Edwin Barnes shall always have the liberty to still his own liquor without paying any Tool) to be Equeally Divided between my four Children Viz Edwin, Archilous, Suckey & Salley.--

And I do hereby Constitute make ordain and appoint my Loving son Edwin Barnes and my Son in Law Ichabod Thomas Executors to this my last Will Ratifying this & no other to be my Last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Affixed my Seal this 4th day of February 1807.

Seal'd Sign'd Publish'd and Declar'd by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, in Presence of us who were Present at the Sealing and Signing thereof--

Archelaus Barnes (Seal)

Benja Amason
James Barnes
Jesse Farmer

exors both qualified

Edgecombe County

February Court 1807.

The within last Will & Testament of Archelaus Barnes decd was exhibited by the Executors for probate, and was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Benja Amason & James Barnes two of the subscribing witnesses thereto- And the executors therein named were at the same time qualified thereto. Ordered that the same be certified and the will recorded

Test

E Hall C C

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Edgecombe County Wills 1758-1830, Vol. I, p 38

In the name of god Amen I Peggy Barnes of Edgecomb County being of sound mind and memory Blessed be god for the same do make this Instrument of Writing my Last will and Testament in manner Following Viz-

I Give to my Daughter Susanna Thomas My son Archelaus Barnes & My Daughter Salley Tartt one Feather Bed bedstead and furniture one to Each (or one apiece) to them and their heirs forever--

I give to my Daughter Sally Tartt my new flax wheele to her and her heirs forever--

I give unto my Three Granddaughters Tempa Thomas Peggey Thomas and Polley R. Thomas Ten Pounds Each, (or ten apiece) to them and their heirs for Ever-- and if one or more of them shou^d die before they come to Lawfull age or marry the aforesaid Legacies shall go to the Survivor or Survivors of them- To her and her heirs forever--

It is my will that all my property not given away in Legacies shall be sold, and my Just debts be paid--and after the Lagacies paid out already given the ballance to be Equally divided betwen my Daughter Susanna Thomas My son Archelaus Barnes and Sally Tart to them and their heirs forever

And I hereby appoint my son Archelaus Barnes & Ichabod Thomas my Exors to this Last will and Testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 2nd day March 1816

Witness
James Barnes
John Brantly

her
Pegey x Barnes (Seal)
mark

Edgecombe County
August Court 1816

The last will and Testament of Peggy Barnes dec^d was exhibited in open Court for Probate, and was proven by the oath of John Brantley one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. And Ichabod Thomas one of the Executors named in the said Will, was at the sametime qualified thereto- Ordered that the same be certified and the Will recorded.

Test, E. Hall C C

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Edgecombe County Wills 1758-1830, Vol. I, p 56

Book 19, p 437
Nov. 6, 1829

Division of the Estate of Ichabod Thomas, deceased, among the heirs-

Lot 1 - drawn by Bennett Thomas

Lot 2 - drawn by Morrison Thomas - 50 acres beginning center of some small trees at Lot No. 1 - to White Oak Swamp - to the corner of the Island.

Lot 3 - drawn by Edwin B. Thomas

Lot 4 - drawn by Margaret Thomas

Lot 5 - drawn by James Thomas

Lot 6 - drawn by Temperance Price

Lot 7 - drawn by Waid R Thomas

Lot 8 - drawn by John I Thomas

Book 22, p 46
16 Feb 1838

Susannah Thomas of Edgecombe County
to Willie Ward of Green County, North Carolina - -

Consideration 600 dollars. The whole of the Dower in my husbands land set apart to me by the jury reference to said jurys report will more freely show - and also Morrison Thomas Lott numbered in the division two and containing 50 acres which said dower right to lott No. 2 I have hereby sold to the said Willie Ward - that I have good right & lawful authority to give a warranty deed to the said Morrison Thomases lott No. 2 and that I have a lawful right to my interest.

Test: Washington Barnes
Frilie Jones
Proved Oct Court 1838 by Washington Barnes

The above abstracts are from the Edgecombe County Courthouse, Tarboro, N. C.

Warren B. Barnes and Margaret Thomas

April 26, 1830 Thomas Amason (bondsman)

From: Cross-index by Hugh B. Johnston of marriage bonds that are in the courthouse at Tarboro.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
Edgecombe County)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I Nathan H Rountree am held and firmly bound unto Hutchins G. Burton, Esquire, Governor, &c. or his Successors in Office, in the full sum of Five Hundred Pounds current Money, to be paid to the said Governor, his Successors or Assigns, for the which Payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our Seals, and dated this 16th day of September Anno Domini 1826.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that whereas the above bounden Nathan H Rountree hath made application for a Licence for Marriage to be celebrated between Morrison Thomas & Sarah Turner of the county aforesaid: Now, in case it shall not appear hereafter that there is any lawful Cause or Impediment to Obstruct the said Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered
in the presence of N H Rountree (Seal)
M[l] Hearn

Know all Men by these presents that I Ichabod Thomas and Benjamin Amason are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Benjamin Williams esquire Governor &c in the sum of One Hundred Pounds, to which payment well and truly to be made to his said Excellency or his Successors, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors & Administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this ___ day of ____ 1799.

THE CONDITION of the above Obligation is such that Whereas the above bound Ichabod Thomas hath this day obtained Licence to be joined in the Holy Estate of Matrimony to Susanna Barnes-

Now, if there shall be no lawful cause or impediment to obstruct said Marriage then the above Obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force & effect.

Signed & Sealed in)
presence of us) Ich[d] Thomas (Seal)
S Wren

Benj[n] Amason (Seal)

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Edgecombe County Marriage Bonds

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA)
)
Edgecombe County)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That We, Morrison Thomas and are held and firmly bound unto James Iredell, Esquire, Governor, &c, or his Successors in Office, in the full sum of Five Hundred Pounds, current money, to be paid to the said Governor, his Successors or Assigns, for the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 12th day of February Anno Domini 1828.

THE CONDITION of the above Obligation is such, that whereas the above bounden Morrison Thomas hath made application for a Licence for Marriage to be celebrated between him and Patience B. Horn of the County aforesaid: Now, in case it shall not appear hereafter, that there is any lawful cause or impediment to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

M. Thomas (Seal)

Signed, sealed, and delivered (Seal)
in the presence of

M^l Hearn

From: N. C. State Department of Archives and History
Edgecombe County Marriage Bonds - Box T

Book 4, p 325
4th Nov 1785

James Amason
to Theophilus Thomas - both of Edgecombe County - -

25 Lbs. Tract of land containing 400 acres beginning at a pine in his own & Jesse Amasons corner - to the corner gum in Lenard Langstons new line - to the corner a pine - to a Black Oak - it being parcel of land granted to the said James Amason by grant dated 1779.

Test: Asa Daniel
his
James x Hanah
mark
Proved Nov Court 1785 by Asa Daniel

Book 22, p 206
July 3d, 1838

Warren B. Barnes and Margaret his wife, both of the State of Alabama, Sumpter County
to Willie Ward of Edgecombe County, N. C. - -

Consideration 400 dollars. Tract of land in Edgecombe County on east side of Tosnott Swamp, known as lot No. 4 drawn by Margaret Barnes in the division of Ichabod Thomas's land, father of the said Margaret Barnes - 50 1/4 acres.

Warren B. Barnes
Margaret Barnes

Test: Saml Speight
John J (I) Thomas

Book 22, p 207
3d July 1838

Elijah Price & Temperance Price his wife of Sumter Co., Ala.
to Willie Ward of Edgecombe - -

Consideration 406 dollars. Tract of land in Edgecombe on the east side of Tosnott Swamp known as lot No. 6 drawn by Temperance Price in the division of Ichabod Thomas's land, father to the said Temperance Price - 50 3/4 acres.

Test: Saml Speight
John J (I) Thomas

E Price
Temperance Price

(Note: The "J" and "I" made just alike in this book and could not determine which was the initial of the John Thomas who witnessed the deeds)

The above abstracts of deeds are all from the deed books in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Tarboro, N. C.

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Edgecombe County Court Minutes of various dates for the service of Ichabod Thomas as Justice.

Edgecombe County Court Minutes of January 1826, for death of Ichabod Thomas.

Edgecombe County Deed Book 22, p 46, for Susannah Thomas, widow of Ichabod Thomas, still living in 1838.

FOURTH GENERATION:

Division of estate of Ichabod Thomas, Book 19, p 437, Edgecombe Co. Deeds.

Edgecombe County marriage bond of Morriton Thomas and Patience B. Horn

After Morrison Thomas moved to Grenada County, Mississippi, his "kinsman", Bryan W. Herring, of Duplin County, North Carolina, sent him a copy of the entries from the Bible of Theophilus Thomas, grandfather of Morrison Thomas, the Bible then being in possession of Bryan W. Herring's sister, Teracy Barnes of Wilson County. This copy, together with letter of transmittal from Bryan W. Herring to Morrison Thomas, dated April 5, 1869, became the property of the latter's daughter, Rebecca F. H. Thomas who married Caswell C. Peete, and is now in possession of their son J. L. Peete of Memphis, Tennessee, who furnished a photostatic copy to Mr. J. T. Thomas of Cruger, Mississippi, together with a certified copy of births from the Peete Bible.

Although these records were made available after the genealogy was compiled, they are included in the appendix through the courtesy of both Mr. Peete and Mr. Thomas.

St Sister Teracy Barnes' near Wilson
Wilson County, N. C. Monday April 5th 1869

Mr Morrison Thomas Near Granada Miss

My Dear friend and Kinsman

According to promise I now write you and give you a correct transcript of the births & deaths found on record in an old Bible formerly the property of John R. Thomas Your Uncle which was printed at Oxford in England by Thomas Baskett Printer to the MDCCXLIX (1749). But before proceeding let me state to you that I find two records in the Bible one of your grand father and mother and their children, the other of your Uncle John R. Thomas' children including the date of his death no other records are to be found in the Book it is much mutilated, but could be rebound and preserved and might prove a blessing to future generations, it is scarce book being 120 years old and contains many forms (?) of Prayers and catechisms not found in our present copey of the Bible. Sister Teracy and her children are in pretty good health. I left my family in good health. My son Needham expects to go to Kentucky in a few days on a visit to Benjamin and to find him a home should he like the country I expect to stay

The ages of Theophilus Thomas &
Mary Thomas his wife

Theophilus Thomas was Born March the 8th day 1739/

Mary Thomas was Born October the 12th day A D 1756

The ages of Theophilus Thomas & Mary Thomas' Children &c

Obedience Thomas was Born the 29th of November in the Year of our Lord 1771/

Millicent Thomas was Born April the 28th Day in the year of our Lord 1773--

Ages of Theophilus Thomas' children - cont'd

Ichabod Thomas was Born November the 8th 1774

Benjamin Thomas was Born April the 16th 1778

Teresea Thomas was Born April the 25th 1780

Tabitha Thomas was Born August the 7th 1782

Micajah Thomas was Born May/26th 1785

John Thomas was Born September the 20th 1787

Theophilus Thomas was Born January the 25th 1790

Elizabeth Thomas was Born November the 17th 1793

Nancy Thomas was Born August the 1st 1797

I Bryan W. Herring of the County of Duplin and state of North Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original as found in an old family Bible now the property of Terasea Barnes and Transcribed by me this Tuesday the 6th day of April A. D. 1869

Bryan W. Herring

These records from a photostat that Mr. J. L. Peete, Memphis, Tennessee, had made for Mr. J. T. Thomas, Cruger, Mississippi, 1946.

THE PEETE BIBLE

B I R T H S.

Morrison Thomas the son of Ichabod and Susanna Thomas was born 7th of April A. D. 1802.

Paticence B. Thomas the daughter of John and Asenath Horn was born May 24th A. D. 1805.

Caswell C. Peete the son of Thomas and Elizabeth M. Peete was born Sep 16th A. D. 1837.

Rebecca F. H. Peete the Daughter of Morison and Paticence B. Thomas was born May 17th A. D. 1841.

Morison Thomas Peete the son of Caswell C. and Rebeca F. H. Peete was born Nov 25th A. D. 1858.

Ben Peete the son of Caswell C. Peete and Rebeca F. H. Peete was born Oct 14th A. D. 1860.

John Caswell Peete the son of Caswell C. Peete & Rebecca F. H. Peete was born Jan 31st A. D. 1862

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

J. L. PEETE, being first duly sworn makes oath that the attached photostatic copy headed "BIRTHS" purporting to be a statement as to the birth of Morrison Thomas, Patience B. Thomas, Caswell C. Peete, Rebeca F. H. Peete, Morrison Thomas Peete, Ben Peete, and John Caswell Peete, is a true and correct photostatic copy in a family Bible owned by and in the possession of the said J. L. Peete which was received by him from his parents, Caswell C. Peete and Rebeca F. H. Peete, the said Rebeca F. H. Peete having been the daughter of Morrison Thomas and Patience B. Thomas.

Said Bible has been in the possession of himself and sister, Miss Ione Peete, for more than forty years and prior to coming into their possession was in the possession of Affiant's father and mother, the said Caswell C. Peete and wife, Rebeca F. H. Peete. Said Bible was given to Affiant's parents at the time of their marriage by the parents of one or both of them and has been continuously in the possession of members of the family since that time.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of December, 1945.

J. L. Peete

L. E. Farley
Notary Public

My Commission expires:
Jan. 12, 1948.